

Acts of the Apostles

Chapters 11 and 12





Acts Chapter 11



Peter Shares about His Ministry Acts 11:1-18

- Peter came back to Jerusalem and the other people were questioning him as to why he was so willing to share the Gospel with the Gentiles
- Peter then explains to them that what God has chosen should not be considered unholy (Acts 11: 9)
- The brethren then rejoiced that the Gospel was being shared with all others not just the Jews (Acts 11:18)



The Church at Antioch

Acts 11:19-30



- The hand of the Lord was with all the believers as they went to various places sharing the good news. Many believers were added to the church during this time (Acts 11:21)
- They taught the new believers and they themselves made sure that “with purpose of heart they would cling unto God” (Acts 11:23)
- The believers in Antioch were first called Christians (Acts 11:26)





Acts Chapter 12



Peter is Arrested (Acts 12:1-4)

- Herod was King and killed James the brother of John and saw that the people praised him for it, he went and arrested Peter. (Acts 12:2-3)
- Herod was planning to kill Peter after Easter in order to gain the praise of the people



Peter's Miraculous Release (Acts 12:5-12)

- The saints continued to pray for Peter without ceasing when he was arrested and asked God for help and guidance
- Peter was guarded by 16 soldiers (Acts 12:4). At night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers bound with chains
- The angel of the Lord appeared and told him to wake up and put on his sandals and follow him
- Peter thought he was dreaming but still obeyed the angel and followed after him. When he came to the city gate Peter realized this was not a dream and went to the house where the believers were gathered in prayer.



Peter Reunites with Believers (Acts 12:13-19)

- When Peter arrived to the house where the believers were he knocked on the door, a young girl named Rhoda went to open the door but recognized Peter's voice and in shock left him standing and went to tell the others (Acts 12:13-14)
- The believers thought she was hearing things, but Peter continued to knock so they went and opened the door and they were shocked to see Peter standing before them
- Peter explained what happened and then went away to another city



Herod Dies

Acts 12:20-25

- Herod does not give glory to God and takes all the glory for himself
- The pride that he has causes him to die because he did not recognize the power of God
- Herod was eaters of worms
- The word of God grew and multiplied (Acts 12:24)

